



Zuccardi

Part of Zuccardi's Polígonos series, this wine offers a nuanced expression of Gualtallary's terroir, crafted to embody the unique landscape, climate, and soil diversity of the Andes.



Polígonos Malbec Gualtallary 2022

Mendoza, Argentina

Region and Vineyards

The **Gualtallary** area lies in the district of Tupungato, Valle de Uco, at the foot of the **Frontal Mountain Range**, at elevations ranging between **1,200 and 1,500 meters (3,937 to 4,593 feet)**. Known as a **high-altitude desert**, Gualtallary features a temperate, arid climate with significant temperature variation between day and night, which enhances acidity and tannin structure in the grapes. The rugged terrain of the Jaboncillo Hills holds diverse soils with layers of **sand, caliche, and stones rich in calcareous material**, which impart a mineral backbone to the wine.

This harvest was marked by cool and humid conditions, allowing the grape clusters to mature slowly, developing a perfect balance of sugar, acidity, and tannins. Zuccardi's careful approach to plot and soil type selection for each harvest, honed over a decade, ensures that every section of the vineyard contributes to the wine's layered complexity.

Winemaking

Zuccardi Polígonos Gualtallary Malbec was vinified with a minimalist approach, focused on capturing the essence of the terroir. The wine underwent **fermentation with native yeasts** in concrete vessels, preserving the natural flavors of the grape and soil. The wine was then **aged in concrete tanks**, a choice that maintains the freshness and minerality of the wine without any oak influence, highlighting the purity of the Gualtallary terroir.

This **100% Malbec** has an alcohol content of **14%**, a total acidity of **5.62 g/L**, and a pH of **3.6**, resulting in a balanced, mineral-rich wine with freshness and structure.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep purple with a vivid intensity that reflects its high-altitude origins.
- **Aroma:** Aromas of **blackberry, violet**, and mineral nuances, with subtle earthy and herbal hints that mirror the high-calcium soils.
- **Palate:** Medium to full-bodied with firm, refined tannins and a crisp acidity. The palate offers layers of dark fruit, a touch of salinity, and a lingering mineral finish that speaks to the wine's unique terroir.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Malbec



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Did you know?

The **Polígonos series** was created to highlight the individuality of each village within the Uco Valley. Named after “polygons” or mapped shapes that delineate each unique vineyard site, the wines allow a deep exploration of the landscape’s diversity. In Gualtallary, the unique calcareous soils and high elevation make for a Malbec with precision and minerality that is rare in Argentine wine.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Lamb with Mint Chimichurri:** The wine’s tannins and mineral depth enhance the flavors of lamb, while its acidity cuts through the richness of the chimichurri.
- **Herbed Goat Cheese Tart:** The wine’s crisp acidity and minerality balance the creamy goat cheese and complement the tart’s herbal notes.
- **Wild Mushroom and Thyme Risotto:** Earthy mushroom flavors harmonize with the wine’s mineral notes, and its acidity balances the risotto’s richness.
- **Pork Tenderloin with Fennel and Apple:** The wine’s dark fruit and acidity match the sweetness of apple and the herbal notes of fennel, creating a complex pairing.



Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2021)

The 2021 Polígonos Gualtallary Malbec is the most structured of the Malbecs from Polígonos, a high place with early ripening, where deciding the harvesting date is key. There are always lots of aromas of herbs and flowers here, the wildest of the Malbecs; it's ripe and intense (14% alcohol) but balanced and fresh, a very good representation of the place. Here, they ferment with 30% to 50% full clusters, no more, as the tannic structure is big and more stems might harden the wine. It is powerful and elegant, wild but refined, which might sound like a contradiction, but it's something wonderful. 20,000 bottles were filled in August 2022.



Wines & Spirits (W&S) : 94 Points (2019)

Sebastián Zuccardi uses no oak and no cultured yeasts to make this wine, a stunningly fresh, zesty malbec. Sourced from a vineyard at 3,600 feet in altitude, where there's plenty of calcareous stone in the alluvial scree, it feels almost Burgundian in its combination of complexity and transparency. Give it a decant before you serve it, as it takes time for the wine to shake off its initial tension; then it blossoms, with notes of fir tree, stone and fresh-picked berries.

